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NEWSLETTER 5 - Friday 10th November 2017

NOVEMBER

- 13 In-Service
- 14 In-Service
- 18 Christmas Fayre 2pm-4pm
- 24 Flu Vaccine

JANUARY

- 8 Back to School
- 29 Family Learning Day 1.30-2.30
Stay and Play Nursery

DECEMBER

- 6 Nursery Concert
- 8 Panto P1-7
Nursery January intake
taster session
- 11 School Dress Rehearsal
- 12 Afternoon Concert 1:30pm
- 13 Evening Concert 6pm
Nursery trip to Boomerangs
- 15 Nursery January intake
taster session
- 18 All P6 and P7 party 1:30pm
- 19 All P5 and P4 party 1:30pm
- 20 Nursery party whole Nursery
pm
- 21 P1-3 party 1:30pm
- 22 Church Service 2pm
Last day of term

FEBRUARY

- 5 Parental Questionnaires
issued
- 12 Mid Term
- 13 In-service
- 14 In-service
- 27 E-Safety Parent Group 9am

MARCH

- 5 P4/5 and P5 Generation
Science
- 21 Nursery April intakes Taster
Session
- 22 Family Learning Day 11:10-
12:00
- 28 Nursery April intakes Taster
Session
- 29 Last day of term



- Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to all who have been 'Pupils of the Week' - Alba, Rhys, Ava G, Liam John, Ava McW, Reuben, Charlie R, Georgie R, Alex, Carmen, Bobby and Aidan Brown. Our 'Nursery Stars' - Amy, Georgia, Sterling and Leigha. Well done!

- Attendance - Lates

We have issued a letter regarding pupils arriving late to school. Please take time to read over our updated procedure for monitoring and recording late arrivals. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

- SFSA

SFSA organised a fantastic Halloween Disco for P1-7 before the holidays. Children enjoyed dancing along to the DJ (Thank you to Mr Hansen for providing this), as well as ducking for apples and games like pass the pumpkin. As always, the costumes and face paints were amazing. £167.11 profit was made. Thank you to all parents who helped and supported in various ways, it is really appreciated.

Saturday 18th November is the date for the next big SFSA event! Come along to the Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall from 2-4pm. There will be various stalls, Santa's Grotto for the children and tea/coffee for the adults. Our school choir will perform throughout the afternoon to add to the Christmas atmosphere. A great afternoon out for all the family!

- Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Louisa Bruce in P4/5 who won the signed football boots from Kim Little. Pupil Council organised the

raffle and money raised is to be spent on netball equipment for our new lunchtime netball club.

- Space Dome

P1, P2 and P5/6 were treated to a session in the Space Dome, set up in the school hall. This is a portable planetarium that brings to life children's learning about space.

I liked the stars. Alba P1

I liked it when there was only stars. I learned there's 3 stars in a row and that's Orion's belt. Charlie P1

I learned that the world goes all the way around the sun. Sophie P2

I learned that the moon travels round the earth. It is a sphere. Conrad P2

Inside the space dome we saw stars, shapes in the stars. We saw planets- Mercury, Pluto and more. Bobby P5/6

It was very cool seeing the shapes of the stars. One was like a crab, another one looked like a Greek knight holding Medusa's head. Skye S P5/6

I learned that there are lots of different stories linked to the stars.



It was interesting. Lennon P5/6

We had to sit inside the dome, it was dark and then stars, constellations and planets appeared. I learned that Pluto is a dwarf planet. Scott P5/6

I learned that the North Star always stays in the same direction.

Sophie P5/6

- Parent Appointments



It was lovely to see so many parents at this week's appointments. Thank you for the many supportive comments received. Our staff work tirelessly to support your children and strive for excellence in all they do, it means so much to get some feedback. Some comments were;

Lots of groups within the school for children to get involved with eg. JRSO, Pupil Council. Great staff, very friendly!

Great input from staff. Lots of enthusiasm. Pupils love to come to classes. I like the pupil council initiative.

Cones are making a huge difference to the parking (shouldn't be needed) but well done! Yellow lines required soon to save cones being put out.

Great school, friendly staff, always improving.

Great school, fantastic support for pupils.

Both my children feel very much part of the school 'family'. It really has a great atmosphere and ethos.

Very friendly. All children look happy and very polite.

Very friendly staff and really glad to have my child as part of the school.

Again one area for development;

Bring back the cracknel!

We will pass this onto the kitchen!

- Puppet Show

We were delighted to have special visitors in school all the way from the USA. Jared, an illusionist performed lots of magic tricks to entertain school and nursery while Meagan who is a ventriloquist, told stories with the help of 'Earnest the skunk'. Here is what some of the boys and girls in P1 thought of the show...

It was magic tricks. Lucas

I loved all of it. Jamie

I loved the racoon dancing. Zac



- P7 Trip to Science Centre

As part of their theme work on 'Energy' P7 visited the Science Centre in Aberdeen where they learned all about how gas is piped from the rigs to the gas terminal then out to our towns and cities.

I learned that an infrared camera detects heat. Cameron

I had to work in a group to make a pipeline which connected the oil rigs to the gas site and to cities. Nathan

I really liked the plasma ball, it was very cool and it felt weird on your hand to touch. Reuben

I liked how the plasma ball lighted up, it was all different colours. Ellie

To test the gas pipeline we had to fill it with air and if it worked the flags moved. Rylee

- Blythswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you so much to all who supported the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. Pupil Council handed across boxes to Rev Jeff this week. 31 boxes were given.



- P7 Leavers' Legacy

Our P7 class are busy fundraising for their Legacy. They are planning to do a bag pack at Tesco in Fraserburgh on Saturday 25th November from 10am-4pm.

They have been generously donated a Hatchimal Surprise and this will be raffled through a 100 square. Squares will be on sale around the classes from next week at £3 per square. Initially pupils will only be allowed to purchase one square. P7 pupils will also be selling squares in nursery at certain drop off and pick up times.

Looking further ahead, they plan to have a Leavers' Legacy Fun Day in school on Friday 15th December, more information on this later.

- Christmas Charity Fundraising

This year our Pupil Council have decided that the money raised at Christmas Concerts will go to two charities selected by our pupil council, The Max Appeal and Hamish Dear's Warm Hugs. Information giving details about these two very worthwhile charities will be issued soon. Pupil Council will be developing powerpoints, posters and leaflets.

With this in mind, we are planning ahead. We had a super parent suggestion, so this year, instead of asking for donations for the hampers, we are suggesting that each child brings £1 and a parent has offered to fill/decorate the hampers ready for the concerts. Please hand your contribution into the school office, thank you.

- Congratulations

Congratulations to Iona Hepworth in P1 who was a winner in this year's Aberdeenshire Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge. Iona was awarded a £5 book token.

- Retirement

Mrs Stott who works in the school kitchen and serves lunches to the pupils daily has decided to retire at Christmas. Mrs Stott has worked permanently here at school for over 26 years since 1991. Many parents who are former pupils will also remember being given their school lunch by Mrs Stott. She is presently our longest serving member of staff and we will be sad to see her leave, yet wish her all the best for a long and healthy retirement. We wish to open a

collection for Mrs Stott and there will be a presentation given by the pupils. If you wish to contribute, please hand this into the school office by Friday 8th December. Thank you.

- In-Service

Please remember that school will be closed on Monday and Tuesday for In-Service training. This term staff will be joining all Peterhead Cluster schools for training on Visible Learning which looks at the most effective ways to raise attainment in our schools. We are spending a considerable time developing a whole school approach to improvement in this area.

During day two we will be working on the curriculum entitlements in our Cross Curricular Themes. We will be looking at which topics our classes study and how we can best ensure the children are meeting the benchmarks that should be achieved while considering the uniqueness of our local area.

- Nursery News (ELCC)

The nursery children are looking at different types of weather and its effects on them. We went out in the rain for Topper Tuesday and splashed in puddles. We added paint to make them colourful. We also have discussed different clothes to wear to keep us warm and dry.

The children learned about Guy Fawkes and can recite the poem, 'Remember, Remember the 5th November'.

For snack we have recently been enjoying making and trying our own soups, 'Yum, Yum!'

- School Website

Remember to have a look at the Latest News section for more information and photos of what's been going on here in school.

www.st-fergus.aberdeenshire.sch.uk

- Twitter

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